



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda item #2*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 18, 2017

#### MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Fralin, Seconded By: Ms. Valentine**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

**Title: "Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge"**  
**Commemorative Naming of the bridge on US Route 58, over Snake Creek Road,**  
**Carroll County**

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors wants to memorialize the service and sacrifice of Sheriff Lewis Webb; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board, to memorialize the life and sacrifice of Sheriff Lewis Webb, name the bridge on US Route 58, over Snake Creek Road, Carroll County as the "Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County has agreed to reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby names the bridge on US Route 58, over Snake Creek Road, Carroll County as the "Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to fabricate and erect appropriate signs and to invoice Carroll County for the costs related to this commemorative naming.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### **Bridge Naming: “Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge”**

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on US Route 58, over Snake Creek Road, Carroll County.

**Facts:** On March 14, 1912, Sheriff Lewis Webb was shot and killed in the county courthouse by a band of approximately 20 mountaineers who were attempting to free a prisoner. Sheriff Webb had previously served with the honor guard during the Civil War and was survived by his wife and three children. He is buried in Lewis F. Webb Cemetery in Carroll County, Virginia.

On October 17, 2016, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors, wishing to commemorate the brave service and sacrifice of Sheriff Lewis Webb, passed a resolution requesting the bridge located on US Route 58, over Snake Creek Road, be named the “Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge”.

**Recommendations:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming the bridge. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

**Result if Approved:** The bridge located on US Route 58, over Snake Creek Road, will be known and signed as the “Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge”.

In accordance with law, the County will reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs and VDOT will invoice accordingly.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.



## RESOLUTION

Title: Naming the bridge on U.S. Route 58 over Snake Creek Road in Carroll County as the "Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge"

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Lewis Webb was shot and killed in the county courthouse by a band of approximately 20 mountaineers who were attempting to free a prisoner. The mountaineers, led by two brothers of the prisoner, had attended the court hearing armed with rifles and handguns; and

**WHEREAS**, the judge read the sentence of one year at hard labor, the group opened fire on the courtroom, killing the judge, the prosecuting attorney, Sheriff Webb, one juror and one witness. Several jurors and observers were also wounded, as well as two suspects. Although the suspects fled back into the mountains, the prisoner they were attempting to free remained in custody after being wounded in the gunfire;

**WHEREAS**, the prisoner and his son were convicted of Sheriff Webb's murder and were both executed in 1913. Seven additional suspects were apprehended: three were acquitted; two were pardoned in 1922; two were pardoned in 1926;

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Webb had previously served with the honor guard during the Civil War and was survived by his wife and three children. He is buried in Louis Webb Cemetery in Carroll County, Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Sheriff Department has agreed to pay the cost and expense incident to the placement of appropriate markers;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby declare that the bridge on U.S. Route 58 over Snake Creek Road in Carroll County be named the Sheriff Lewis Webb Memorial Bridge;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that appropriate markers, as directed by the Department be placed calling attention to this designation.

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BOS, Chairman

10-17-14  
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Date



**VDOT**  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
Maintenance Division  
CTB MEETING: January 18, 2017

Carroll County  
Proposed Bridge Naming:  
**"Sheriff Lewis Webb  
Memorial Bridge"**